Increase in Rail Fares

2850. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is likelihood of any further increase in the rail fares in the near future; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (b) Review of rail fares is a continuous process and these fares are adjusted from time to time to generate internal resources and to meet the rising cost of inputs.

Safe Drinking Water at Railway Stations

2851. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the water available at various Railway stations through out the country is safe enough to drink; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Drinking water supplied at station is clean potable water.

(b) Does not arise.

Cultivation of Railway Land

2852. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are incurring huge losses because of non-leasing and unauthorised cultivation of 16150 acres of railway land along 17 rail routes under the Ferozepur Division of Northern Railway;

(b) if so, what remedial steps are proposed; and

(c) whether there is any plan to re-start leasing out the railway